



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 3, 2018, down slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.6 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 3, 2018, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2018 through November 3, 2018 for the United States were 8.03 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2018

State	Week ending					
	September 29, 2018	October 6, 2018	October 13, 2018	October 20, 2018	October 27, 2018	November 3, 2018
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,720	29,199	30,084	29,410	29,467	28,964
Arkansas	24,198	23,193	22,770	21,289	23,340	23,112
Delaware	4,732	4,732	4,790	4,738	4,667	4,668
Florida	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,105	1,100	1,147
Georgia	33,037	34,083	33,428	31,975	32,824	33,464
Kentucky	7,566	7,524	7,081	6,910	6,290	7,086
Louisiana	3,455	3,313	3,634	3,741	3,833	3,879
Maryland	8,200	7,682	7,741	7,353	7,979	7,920
Mississippi	17,004	17,605	16,672	17,963	18,497	17,159
Missouri	7,114	8,641	8,001	8,183	8,222	7,333
North Carolina	19,718	19,117	19,971	20,608	22,079	21,562
Oklahoma	7,799	7,632	7,190	7,618	7,861	7,574
Pennsylvania	5,438	5,147	5,708	5,571	5,259	5,345
South Carolina	5,670	5,727	5,598	5,890	5,483	4,976
Texas	14,877	14,596	15,331	15,872	15,955	14,659
Virginia	6,255	6,116	6,270	5,817	6,150	5,794
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,186	11,677	11,559	10,560	11,236	11,618
Other States	9,030	9,338	9,448	9,154	8,714	9,206
United States	214,099	216,422	216,376	213,757	218,956	215,466
Percent of previous year	100	100	100	99	100	100

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2018

State	Week ending					
	September 29, 2018	October 6, 2018	October 13, 2018	October 20, 2018	October 27, 2018	November 3, 2018
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,539	22,988	22,668	22,135	22,526	22,883
Arkansas	19,254	21,153	21,752	21,596	22,292	22,002
Delaware	5,702	5,515	5,351	4,695	5,109	4,781
Florida	631	338	704	694	741	830
Georgia	27,531	24,757	27,478	24,790	26,984	26,295
Kentucky	5,684	5,170	5,883	6,010	5,952	5,917
Louisiana	3,313	3,178	2,827	2,875	2,856	3,143
Maryland	5,294	5,053	5,810	6,072	5,064	6,097
Mississippi	13,887	14,169	14,961	13,800	14,378	13,844
Missouri	5,802	5,068	6,940	5,580	5,932	5,303
North Carolina	16,351	15,923	16,365	15,472	15,364	15,437
Oklahoma	4,740	4,155	3,754	4,349	3,374	3,324
Pennsylvania	4,109	3,966	3,778	4,045	3,900	4,196
South Carolina	4,739	5,096	4,959	4,862	4,151	4,963
Texas	12,865	12,494	12,593	12,206	12,235	12,685
Virginia	5,202	4,644	5,472	5,833	5,604	5,468
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,463	9,463	8,863	10,103	10,353	9,462
Other States	7,274	7,361	6,989	7,043	7,186	7,201
United States	174,380	170,491	177,147	172,160	174,001	173,831
Percent of previous year	100	98	99	100	100	99

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS regional field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone. The weekly United States total for chicks placed includes states receiving greater than 500,000 chicks annually for grow-out.

Estimating Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS regional field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness.

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